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Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
The Attorney General of the
United States of America
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. would appreciate some information about Gustav Hilger, cited in Department of State Publication 3073 as one of the principal persons involved in Nazi-Soviet relations.

We have been advised Mr. Hilger is currently employed by either the Department of State or the Central Intelligence Agency, directly or as a consultant. We have his address in Washington, D. C.

Our information is that Mr. Hilger served as Counselor to the Nazi Embassy in Moscow and later became Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop's specialist in organizing fascist and anti-Jewish elements in occupied Russia, including such formations as the Vlasov group, to collaborate with the Nazis and that he is in part responsible for the harsh Nazi policies toward victim peoples. It is reported he is listed on a United Nations list of war criminals.

Von Ribbentrop was tried and executed by members of the International Military Tribunal for crimes against humanity. Our information on Mr. Hilger is correct, that Mr. Hilger was his right-hand man in organizing pro-fascist, anti-Jewish and other elements in Russia to serve the Nazi cause.

It can hardly be a source of encouragement to those trapped behind the Iron Curtain to know that a former Nazi official of this standing and history is now in Washington as a consultant on Eastern European affairs to our Government. In our opinion, the American public is entitled to the facts of Hilger's employment and status here, as well as why it was deemed necessary.

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to have a man with this background in a sensitive position in our own government. A reply, giving any information and explanation, will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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